MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, subject to the provisions of Articles 471 and 127, Travancore Service Regulations, a copy of which is placed on the Secretary's table.

(*c*) & (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

(*e*) No; if the conditions of Article 127, T. S. R. are satisfied.

Food Control and Distribution Committees.

23. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have organised in all the taluk and pakuthies 'Food Control and Distribution Committees' with non-official members since 1-5-1118; and

(*b*) if so, what is the nature of the work those committees are expected to do?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Division and Taluk Food Control Committees have been formed in which non-officials are also included.

(*b*) To secure the objects outlined in the Press Note, dated the 3rd December 1942, *viz.*, to assist the local officers in the work of purchase and distribution of paddy and rice.

Rice Mills.

24. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation praying for the stopping of all rice mills in the State as a means of solving the present food problem; and

(*b*) if so, their decision on the same?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) and (*b*) No; but Government have issued Notification R. O. C. No. 2477/42/C. F. S., dated the 10th October 1942, prescribing that in polishing the rice not more than 25 per cent. of the bran be removed.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether the Government have any idea of the number of rice mills in the State?

PRESIDENT: I may say for the information of the member that Government have under consideration the question of the abolition of all rice mills in the State.

Grant-in-aid to teachers of primary schools.

25. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of teachers in primary classes of Malayalam Schools conducted by private management who are not getting any grant at present;

(*b*) the total amount required for giving them also grant-in-aid; and

(*c*) whether the Government have, or the Director of Public Instruction has, considered the question of giving them also grant-in-aid?

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MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 1463.

(*b*) The total amount required for the award of fresh grant-in-aid in deserving cases is Rs. 84,972.

(*c*) Yes.

Price of paddy at Kottar and Kuttanad.

26. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the price of paddy at Kottar and Kuttanad has been fixed by Government;

(*b*) if so, what is the rate per standard para; and

(*c*) what is the rate at Kuttanad for the same standard para?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*). The attention of the member is invited to Notification R. O. C. No. 1917/42/C. F. S., dated the 27th October 1942, fixing the maximum price of paddy at B. Re. 1 as. 4 per standard para throughout the State.

Production and requirement of paddy in the Mavelikara taluk.

27. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of paddy produced per year in the Mavelikara taluk;

(*b*) the extent of the paddy fields in the Mavelikara taluk;

(*c*) the population of Mavelikara taluk; and

(*d*) the total quantity of paddy required to meet the demands of the people of the taluk per year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) The estimated production is approximately 10,000 tons.

(*b*) The member is referred to page 168 of the Statistics of Travancore, Twenty-second issue.

(*c*) The member is referred to page 250 of Part II of the Census Report for 1941.

(*d*) An accurate estimate cannot be made of the quantity required as it will depend on many factors.

Chinnakada road, Quilon.

28. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation has been made to them or the P. W. D. Advisory Committee praying that the Chinnakada road be re-opened near the cattle pound; and

(*b*) whether the P. W. D. Advisory Committee has made any report on the representations?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation & Miscellaneous*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Committee resolved that the Municipality should meet the initial and recurring expenditure for maintaining a level crossing which will become necessary when the road is opened.

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